AFFAIRS IN THE NAVY YARD.

OVERTIME WORK GIVING RISE TO MORE RUMORS OF WAR.

TESSELS BEING HURRIED TO COMPLETION AND SENT TO REJOIN THE FLUET-SUPPLIES

> STOPPED, AND THESE SHIPS, IT IS SAID, WILL RE-TURN HOME.

Once more rumors of naval warfare are in the of at the Navy Yard, and, as usual under such reumstances, the officers at the station have ng to say for publication. This latest attack the war fever is due to orders received by modore Sicard, the commandant, yesterday, forward no more stores to the vessels of the dopean Squadron. The general storekeeper has hand a large amount of stores which have acmulated under the orders providing for their ment to the foreign station, but these will be ad here subject to further orders. This action taken to mean that the entire European Squadno is to be ordered home and attached to the North Atlantic Squadron, with a view of backing up by an imposing display of naval force any acon which may be taken by the President on Cuhan resolutions passed by Congress. It has been the accepted theory in many quarters that the thure policy of the Government in regard to Cuban affairs would be vigorous, and this view pens to be based on good foundation, according to the naval people who are disposed to talk on

his pointed out that while the fleet has ostenthy been gathered for the purpose of drills and tions, no programme has as yet been araged, and there are no signs of any in sight, on the face of affairs, is all there is to it. Another point which gives weight to the prevalent minion is that the work on the ships at the Navy Yard is being rushed. It has been usual to set a day for the completion of work on the vessels, and if the time ran over a week, or two weeks, or even three weeks, there was nothing thought of it. Now, however, this is changed. The Ammen ram Katahdin, which was slated to join the fleet on the 15th, reported to Rear-Admiral Bunce promptly on time, and yesterday went down to Tompkinsville and took her place in the line. The work in her engine-room was not entirely completed, but she we'm sufficiently good condition to warrant her trasfer, and she was declared ready for business. to said her away on time required some overtime sork on the part of the bureaus, and this rule will be followed in finishing the remaining ships at the yard. The Newark is practically ready for sea, and will join the fleet in a few days, orders to that effect having been received. There are still ten days needed to fully complete the work on the monitor Terror, but no work will be started which will delay her beyond her appointed time, and she will be ready to leave the yard early this week. The Puritan will not be ready for some time, as the work of placing her 12-inch guns has not yet been begun.

Last and greatest comes the battle-ship Indiana, and, while the schedule calls for eleven days of work in her engine-room, and considerable work in other departments, she is scheduled to sail on June 1, and will get away on that date.

In addition to these ships, the Maine and the Columbia will be at anchor off Staten Island elore a week has passed, together with the attle-ship Texas, the monitors Miantonomoh and Amphitrite, the torpedo-boats Cushing, Edisson and Stiletto, and the dispatch-boat

FENELS IN THE EUROPEAN SQUADRON, Ela regard to the European Squadron it is pointed out by naval officers that ships on a foreign station cannot remain without supplies, and that the stoppage of supplies is invariably followed by the recall of the ships. The equadron is composed of three ships, the triplescrew cruiser Minneapolis, a sister of the Columbia, commanded by Captain George H. Wadleigh; the San Francisco (flagship of Rear-Admiral Selfridge). Captain Edwin M. Shepard commanding, and the Marblehead, Commander Charles H. Davis commanding. Of these vestery, carrying twelve 6-inch rifles, four 6pounder, four 3-pounder and two 1-pounder rapid-fire guns, three Hotchkiss revolving cannon, and four Gatlings. The Minneapolis, she of the swift heels, has a lighter gun power, although her main battery is not to be over-looked, consisting of one 8-inch, two 6-inch and eight 4-inch rifles, supplemented by a liberal supply of rapid-fire guns. The Marblehead is a sister of the Montgomery, and carries a main battery of eight 5-inch and two 6-inch guns,

with eight rapid-firers and two Gatlings. The addition of these vessels to the squadron already ordered to assemble in this harbor would make a fleet vastly more than sufficient to enforce any demand which might be made in connection with Cuba, and meet any emergency likely to arise calling for their services. It will take some time for the ships to get home from Europe, but once here there would be little delay in preparing them for active duty.

In the mean time the crews of the ships are in a high state of efficiency, drills are kept up constantly, all sorts of calls are made at all hours of the night, and the routine of the day covers rifle and cutlass work in the forenoon, and practice in

handling the big guns in the afternoon.

MORE DEFECTIVE WORK DISCOVERED. More defective work on contracts has been disvered, this time in connection with the new oundary wall of the hospital grounds. A short ine ago a letter was written to the authorities by some of the workmen employed by the contractors, complaining of the way in which they were expected to do the work, and a board of inspection, consisting of Civil Engineer Franklin C. Prindle, Lieutenant Yorke Noel and Passed Assistant Surgeon Oliver D. Norton, was appointed to look into the subject. This Board has made a long report, and now a second Board, consisting of Civil Engineers Christopher C. Wolcott and U. S. G. White, and Mr. Lane, a foreman mason, has been appointed to find out how far the contractors, J. M. Brosnan & Co., are responsible for the faulty work. An inspection of the work reveals the fact that in many places the wall has been built by making the outer surface of bricks cover a mass of loose bricks, laid inside without mortar or cement, leaving the structure nothing more than a shell. This inspection and investigation will probably be followed by similar proceedings covering all the work done at the Naval Hospital, which has been of an extensive and ex-

ensive character. Just where the blame for the trcuble lies is left for the Board to determine, but in speaking of the affair yesterday one of the officers connected with the hospital alluded to the fact that the overnment was not wholly blameless in the matter. There is a corps attached to the navy, to the members of which is assigned the duty of building and supervising the building by others of all work of the sort under the control of the epartment, and that there was no officer of that corps in attendance shows that there was neglect on the part of the authorities of a plain duty. The inspection of the work as it was carried on was left to the surgeons attached to the spital, and the result is that advantage was ien of a lack of technical knowledge on the art of the inspectors to do "scamp" work. A competent civil engineer, of whom there are mough attached to the station to attend to all hat work, would have prevented all the fraud, and saved time, trouble and expense for the

This latest revelation regarding the contract rate the station, following so closely on the covery of dummy rivets in the work on the ay connecting the mainland and the Cob has aroused a feeling of suspicion toward contractors who are at work on or around contractors who are at work on or around the property, and the probabilisies are will be more closely watched now

FAULTY WORK IN NEWFORT, ALSO.

On top of all this comes the news from Wash ington that there has been a similar state of affairs discovered at the Navai War College. in Newport, and that a Board of Survey and Inspection has been asked for to fix the blame

for a lot of faulty work discovered there. In this connection, an officer thoroughly acquainted with the whole business is quoted as saying:
"The whole trouble lies right here. The appointment of officials who are not civil engineers to superintend civil engineering work naturally leads to these results. Just why a line officer, or a steam engineer, or a suprecontinuous control of the control line officer, or a steam engineer, or a surgeon should be deemed competent to pass on the quality of masonry work, while the civil engineers are kept busy at routine work that could be done equally well by a clerk, is a question which, when answered by the Department will characteristic the state of the country of the c ment, will show how deep the trouble lies. The people at the head of affairs will wake up to this some time, and the only fear of those interested is that when that 'some time' comes it will be too late, for the people will want to know all about it, and the questions which will be asked will not be easy to answer."

TROUBLE WITH THE NEW CAISSON. The new caisson for the granite drydock was put in place on Thursday, and has been causing trouble ever since. The pumps have had hard work to keep the water at a level and prevent the work to keep the water at a level and prevent the leaks from filling the dock to the sea level. The first difficulty was found on Friday, when the dock was pumped out, and a stream of water was found to be pouring in from the swinging end. An investigation showed that this was due to the dropping of some tools in the slot in which the end of the calsson was supposed to fit. This was remedied, and another attempt made to clear the dock. Then a new trouble arose. From beneath the new gate a stream of water came in which kept the pumps busy in preventing a gain, and yesterday a diver was sent down to find the defect. It is believed that this leakage is due to the dredging operations which have been going on near the gate of the dock since the monitor Puritan was floated a short time ago. The big dredge stirred up a lot of mud, and the removal of the old caisson is thought to have allowed the settling of large quantities of silt on the sill of the dock. An uneven settling of this deposit would naturally leave spaces where the water would find its way through into the dock.

The structure, which was built by Marvel, of Newburg, is a double-ended hull, of steel, each end being formed similar to the forward end of a ship. The keel is straight, and the ends and stems curved to fit the stone wall of the dock; the main deck is of steel, and there is an upper deck of wood projecting over the hull at the ends. The dimensions are as follows: Length over all, top of waterways, 68 feet 9 inches; extreme breadth, 18 feet; breadth on top, 14 feet; height from top of upper deck to bottom of keel plate, 31 feet. leaks from filling the dock to the sea level. The

STEAM ENGINEERS RUSHED.

There is a rush of work in the Bureau of Steam Engineering, and overtime will be the order of the day until the ships at the yard are sent down to the fleet. Additional work has been caused by the equipment of a new steam been caused by the equipment of a new steam launch for the use of the Second Separate Division of the Naval Militia, of Rochester. The Department has lent to the division steam launch No. 119, and it will start this morning for Rochester by way of the Hudson River and the Erie Canal in charge of Lieutenant Trowbridge and other officers who have come to the yard after it. There will also be a dinghy, a swinging boom and a complete outfit for the launch sent on by freight.

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The job of taking out the machinery of the Chicago is going ahead as fast as circumstances will permit, and the seawall where she is tied up is a strong reminder of a South-st. junk shop, as it is covered with a litter of old iron and various pieces of machinery, all of which show marks of hard usage. Nothing has been done to the transport Fern, which is at the yard awaiting repairs, but it is expected that work will begin on her as soon as the warships are out of the way. A gratifying advance is noted in the work of preparing the approaches to the new gate at Sands-st., and the buildings are out of the hands of the plasterers and nearly ready for use.

On the causeway and sea walls under construction there is a delay, caused this time by a lack of funds and the necessity of waiting for the action of Congress in the matter of appropriations. In the mean time the new timber dock is rushing along, and the building of the caisson, which is being constructed inside the dock, is attracting considerable attention from the visitors and workmen. The side walls are nearly finished, and the flooring where the caisson will rest is being put in place.

The last dance of the season was held in the court-martial room in building No. 7 on Friday afternoon, and the series of outdoor concerts was begun by the yard band. The dances have been entirely successful this season, the added attraction of tea being served having had the effect of increasing the attendance.

A flock of fifty homing pigeons will be housed within the next few days at the Brooklyn Navy Yard for naval purposes, as a result of the experi-

within the next few days at the Brooklyn Navy Yard for naval purposes, as a result of the experiments which have been conducted with these birds at the Naval Academy and at the naval station at Key West. These experiments show that birds taken as far as 500 miles out to sea have returned to their coops with messages from the officers on board the ships which released them. These birds depend wholly upon their sight, and in a fog they fail to give satisfaction. In addition to the location of coops at New-York, Annapolis and Key West, it is the intention of Commander C. F. Chadwick, chief of the Bureau of Equipment, who has charge of all matters of this kind, to place birds at the naval station at Newport, the Norfolk Navy Yard, League Island Navy Yard and at Mare Island. and at Mare Island.

MR. SCHWALBACH NOT "TURNED DOWN."

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Owing to a great many inquiries which have come to me in reference to the recent articles in the dally press, in which there were misstatements, and which have placed me and the Executive Committee of the Good Roads Association in a false position before the public, I wish to say, first, that the special meeting of the Executive Committee of the association on Wednesday night, May 13, was not called for the purpose of "turning down" Alexander Schwalbach; second, that the said meeting was not called to order at 8:30 o'clock sharp, but that it was 8:42 o'clock before the call was made; third, that eleven members of the Executive Committee voted unanimously on the question of changing the place of the semi-annual meeting from Alexander Schwalbach's bleycle hall to the Riding and Driving Club, seven being a quorum; fourth, that politics and per-sonal feeling had nothing to do with the calling of this meeting; fifth, that the reporters who have made the misstatements spoken of above were not present until the meeting was over; sixth, that when the E-ecutive Committee accepted Mr. Schwalbach's offer of his bicycle hall it had no idea that it
could get the Riding and Driving Club for the meeting, and that it considered the latter a much better
place for the purpose. In conclusion, I would say
that it seems a little strange to me that after all
the good work the Good Roads Association has
done for Brooklyn, minding, as it has, its own
business—and minding it, if results be the criterion,
to excellent purpose—there appears to be a movement from the outside to create dissension in
its ranks, and thus hamper its effectiveness. As to
Mr. Schwalbach, I want to say that no one man
has worked harder and done more for the Good
Roads Association than he, and personally I esteem
him; but it is my opinion that he was wrong in the
action he took, and in the way in which he took it,
in opposing Mr. Woodruff, the best friend that
Brooklyn wheelmen have ever had.
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President of the Good Roads Association of Brooklyn. when the Executive Committee accepted Mr. Schwal-

STREET PAVING BIDS OPENED. City Works Commissioner Willis opened bids vesterday for paving parts of seventeen streets with The Brooklyn Alcatraz Asphalt Company offered to do the work at a uniform price of \$1 a square yard for the wearing surface, including five years' maintenance; 75 cents a running foot for new curb and \$3 82 a cubic yard for concrete. The streets named in the contract are Bainbridge-st., Stuyvesant to Reid ave.; Carroll-st., from Seventhave. to the Park; Dean-st., Bedford to Franklin ave.; Eighth-ave., President to Carroll st.; Fourth-st., Seventh to Eighth ave.; Fourteenth-st., Eighth-ave. to the Park; Palmetto-st., Bushwick to Evergreen ave., South Ninth-st., Wythe-ave. to Berry-st.; Halsey-st., Wythe to Lee ave.; Willoughby-ave., Tompkins to Throop ave.; Keap-st., Marcy to Division ave.; Lenox Road, Flatbush to Rogers ave.; Macon-st., Stuyessant to Reid ave.; Middagh-st., Henry-st. to Columbia Heights; Montrose-ave., Union to Bushwick ave.; and Pacific-st., Bedford to Nostrand ave. ave. to the Park; Dean-st., Bedford to Franklin

BORDEN'S YACHT SOON TO BE LAUNCHED. M. C. D. Borden's new twin-screw yacht, which has been building in the shippard of John Robbins, Erie Basin, will be launched and named to-mor-row. The building of this boat has been watched with interest for a long time, for the reason that it is believed she will be about as near perfection it is believed she will be about as near perfection mechanically as any vessel afloat. Moreover, it is asserted by her builders that she is the largest screw steamer-yacht in existence. She is 250 feet inches over all, with a breadth of 28 feet and a depth of 18 feet 3 inches. While she has been fitted with an eye to artistic effect, it is said that comfort and safety have been the chief aims that comfort and safety have been the chief aims

edge that the proper officers were not detailed to the work, while there is a strong tendency to throw the blame of the mess on the men who had nothing to do with it.

CLASSIC DANCES GIVEN.

MRS. STEBBINS'S DELSARTE CLASS IN AS-SOCIATION HALL.

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL OF EXPRESSION AP-PEARED REFORE THE MEMBERS OF THE

FUL POSES AND STEPS.

Handsome young women, garbed in the graceful robes of ancient Greece, gave before members of the Brooklyn Institute, in Association Hall, on Thursday night, a series of classic dances and posings. The interesting entertainment was the work of Mrs. Genevieve Stebbins's New-York School of Expression, assisted by Miss Katherine Hopkins and Miss Charlotte Sulley, readers.

Mrs. Stebbins included in the programme a series of talks on classic art in physical culture and a plea for the value of the Delsarte method of acquiring health and grace.

The first number was an amazon drill by the Misses Sulley, Dickerson and Miller, and Mesdames Fowler and Hardings. Wearing the sleeveless. Fowler and Hardings. Wearing the sleeveless, girdled, flowing Hellenic gowns, and with their hair confined in the Grecian knot, these young women went through a series of graceful movements to the

Stebbins, who was similarly clothed, gave poses from the classical groups

Miss Katherine Hopkins, a Brooklyn girl, prepared the audience for a pantomime of "Dionysus and Ariadne" by reading the well-known "Bacchus and Ariadne." Miss Ditto, crowned with lvy, personated Bacchus, and Miss Sulley presented the golden-halred Ariadne in a pleasing manner. While sleep-ing she was surrounded by the god and ten graceful Bacchantes.

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Arladne was consoled by Bacchus for the departure of her Athenian lover and transferred her affection and hand to him. Then followed the difficult dance of the Bacchantes, as they strewed roses about their master and mistress.

The dance of the mist maidens was another number that pleased. Mrs. Stebbins gave the difficult altar dance to Pallas Athena. The Misses Stebbins read several selections from Euripides.

Mrs. Stebbins closed the programme by giving the sacred dances of Miriam and of the triumph at the Red Sea.

INTERSCHOLASTIC RECORDS BROKEN.

ST. PAUL, OF GARDEN CITY, CARRIED OFF THE HONORS AT EASTERN PARK.

The third annual field meet of the Long Island Interscholastic Athletic Association was held yes-terday afternoon at Eastern Park. The attendance was not as large as the character of the sports deserved, but there was a fair sprinkling of proud fathers, happy mothers and admiring sisters to spur the youthful athletes to the utmost exertions. The with glory and swept the board, so to speak. On a basis of five points for first, three for second and one for third, the score of points for yesterday's one for third, the score of points for yesterday's games stands thus: St. Paul, 51; Brooklyn High School, 31; Adelphi, 14; Brooklyn Latin School, 11; Polytechnic Institute, 11; Pratt Institute, 7. At least two records of the Interscholastic Amateur Athletic Association of the United States were broken. These were the low yard dash, won by A. W. Robinson, of St. Paul, in 10 2-5 seconds, and putting the 12-pound shot. In the latter, B. P. Kinney, of St. Paul, put the shot 41.9, the previous record being 40.0.

DR. STORRS'S JUBILEE YEAR.

PLANNING FOR HIS ANNIVERSARY IN THE CHURCH OF THE PILGRIMS.

The Jubilee Committee of the Church of the Pil grims, met last week at the home of James H. Bates, in Remsen-st., near Hicks. One of the most important transactions was the appointment of a sub-committee on programme. George P. Stockwell, who is also chairman of the General Committee, was put at the head of the minor committee The others selected were Frederick W. Moss. Charles A. Hull, Simeon B. Chittenden, Mrs. John E. Leech, Mrs. John Notman, Mrs. Tunis G. Bergen, Mrs. James H. Bates, Mrs. William A. Taylor and

Miss Mary Sharpe.

The Programme Committee was authorized to name a Reception Committee, and any others necessary to make the fiftieth anniversary of the Rev Dr. R. S. Storrs's pastorate of the churce, which

WINKEMEIER CASE REOPENED.

THE DEFENDANT SAYS HE IS UNABLE TO PAY THE ALIMONY AWARDED TO HIS WIFE.

Application was made to Justice Gaynor, of the Supreme Court, yesterday by Charles J. Patterson to reopen the case of Maud B. Winkemeter against to reopen the case of Maud B. Winkemeier against Christian F. Winkemeier for an absolute divorce, on the question of alimony. Mrs. Winkemeier obtained a divorce from her husband after long and sensa-tional litigation, and Justice Gaynor, before whom the case was tried, awarded to the plaintiff alimony the case was tried, awarded to the plaintiff alimony at the rate of \$3,600 a year. Winkemeier is a candy manufacturer in Grand-st. His counsel on the trial of the divorce suit was "Abe" Hummel, and when the Court awarded such large alimony, Mr. Winkemeier decided that his case had not been fairly represented, and had Mr. Patterson substituted as his attorney. When the motion to open the case was called vectorials Mr. Patterson and that Mr. was called yesterday Mr. Patterson said that Mr Winkemeler had suffered a great hardship because he was not called to testify as to his ability to pay allmony when the case was tried. The only evidence on the subject had been his own admission dence on the subject had been his own admission some years ago that his income at that time was \$10,000 a year. An expert who had examined his books was also called, and testified that his income for the last two years was \$5,986 a year. Mr. Pat-terson said that Mr. Winkemeler had sworn that his income was not \$5,000 a year. He was absolutely unable to pay the alimony awarded to his

In opposition to the motion J. J. Soley said that In opposition to the defendant to he did not see any reason why the application to reopen the case should be granted. The defendant had not conducted himself in such a way that he reopen the case should be granted. The detendant had not conducted himself in such a way that he could ask any favors. Although he said his income was ro small, he had spent \$4,000 on Miss Arnett, the corespondent in the case, in a few months in 1895. At any rate, if the case was opened the defendant ought to be compelled to produce Miss Arnett in court, so that she could be examined as to the amount of money which the defendant spent on her.

Mr. Patterson said that he was willing to do anything except to agree to produce Miss Arnett. The defendant had "cut loose" from her entirely, and he no longer had any control over her movements. Mr. Patterson said that he was willing to pay the expenses of an expert, to be selected by the plaintiff, to examine Mr. Winkemeier's books and report to the Court. He did not think that the defendant should be compelled to produce the corespondent in the case, however.

In the afternoon Justice Gaynor handed down a decision, in which he granted the application to open the case and suggested that argument be heard this month. He also granted to Mr. Soley \$150 counsel fee at present, and reserved the question of further fees until after the hearing.

BILLS APPROVED BY THE MAYOR.

Mayor Wurster has approved bills giving to the Board of Aldermen the power of the Board of Supervisors in relation to the compensation of jutors, compelling the Prospect Park and Coney Island Railroad Company to make its tracks con-form to the established grade of Gravesend-ave., and amending the incorporation of the Inebrates' Home. The latter act creates a new Board of fif-Home. The latter act creates a new Board of fi-teen corporators, the members of which will be Samuel Richards, Austen C. Crane, Samuel A. Avila, John Conover, Franklin Coleman, John Nevells, Michael J. Kennedy, William Keegan, H. V. Storms, Daniel Ryan, George R. Fowler, Joseph H. Raymond, Lewis R. Stegman, Lewis D. Mason and Afried T. White. The Mayor will veto a bill affecting actions of em-ployes for wages and material furnished.

MR. DAVENPORT HAD A SHOCK.

William B. Davenport, public administrator, grew old rapidly yesterday morning for a couple of A short time before noon he received word that Governor Morton had signed a bill which terminated the term of the public administrator on June 1, and provided that his successor should be appointed by the County Judges and the County Clerk. Mr. Davenport is a Democrat, and he naturally feared Davenport is a Democrat, and he naturally seemen that any appointment to be made by these men would oust him and place a Republican in his chair. For a couple of hours Mr. Davenport believed that all was up with him, but later a report was received that a mistake had been made in copying the num-bers of the bills signed by the Governor, and that the bill which he feared had not reached the Gov-ernor at all. Mr. Davenport had previously been informed that the Public Administrator bill had

more willing to believe the second report than the first. He is said to have taken a deep and long breath when he heard the good news contained in the second message.

IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

MRS. EAGAN DIED FROM POISON, AND NOT HEART DISEASE.

SHE DRANK MURIATIC ACID IN A GLASS OF BEER -FOUND DEAD BY HER DAUGHTER.

Mrs. Julia Eagan, thirty-five years old, of No. 251 Linden-st., was found dead in bed by her daughter, thirteen years old, on Friday. Death was supposed to have been from heart disease. Yesterday an autopsy was made, and it was shown that the woman poison had been taken in a glass of beer. According to the daughter, her mother asked her to drink some of the beer, but she refused. The girl did not

HE MARRIED THE COMPLAINANT.

John Dougherty, of Rosendale, N. Y., was ar raigned yesterday before Justice Goetting in the Le Avenue Police Court on a charge of trifling with the affections of Catherine Clifford, nineteen years old, of No. 165 Berry-st. The couple were to have been married in January last, but before the time arrived Dougherty disappeared. He was traced to Rosendaie, where Policeman Short, of the Charities Department, arrested him. Dougherty expressed a willingness to marry the complainant, and the Jus-tice performed the ceremony.

EXPLODING OIL STOVE CAUSES A BLAZE. An oil stove exploded yesterday in the apartment of Mrs. Mary Siegelbauer, who lives on the third setting fire to the rooms. Mrs. Siegelbauer had her hands badly burned in trying to put out the blaze. and she then ran to the street shouting "Fire!" The flames spread rapidly, and Charles Haaslein, a deputy-sheriff, who was passing ran through the smoke which filled the hallway and rescued Mrs. Mary Meyers, who lived on the second floor. Haaslein found the woman in a half-suffocated condition, and assisted her down the fire-escape. The damage to the building was \$1,500.

WORRY LED TO SUICIDE.

WALTER N. PARTRIDGE KILLED HIMSELF BECAUSE OF BUSINESS DEPRESSION.

Walter N. Partridge, a son of Josiah Partridge, a hair manufacturer in business at No. 360 Pearl-st. New-York, took his life at the family home. 179 Prospect Place, yesterday morning. His dead body was found in his room with a bullet-hole in the right temple, and a .32-calibre revolver lying be

Partridge was thirty-two years old, unmarried, and had been associated with his father in busi-ness. He had suffered from dyspepsia, and for the last three weeks was under the constant care Dr. Pratt, of No. 94 Sixth-ave. He was at work in his office most of the day Friday. After supper he played on the plane for an hour or more, and spond to the breakfast bell in the morning his father was informed, and one of his cousins was sent to see what was the trouble. She found his

sent to see what was the trouble. She found his body lying on the floor, with a pool of blood near the head. Surgeon Clark, of the Seney Hospital, and Dr. Pratt, who examined the body, said that he had been dead for some hours.

Mr. Partridge, the father, said that his son had been worrying needlessly about the depression in business generally. He said his son had no bad habits, and spent most of his time with his books and plano. He believed the young man was suffering from temporary insanity. Dr. Pratt acreed with this view of the case. Coroner Coombs will hold an inquest.

VOLUNTEER POST NO. 1

IT IS IN REID-AVE., AND CAPTAIN O'BRIEN IS IN COMMAND.

The Volunteers, Ballington Booth's branch of the Salvation Army, have a garrison in Reid-ave., near Fulton-st., not far from the Schenectady-ave, barracks of the old Army. It is called Brooklyn Post Charles O'Brien. There are sixteen soldiers con falls on Thursday, November 19, a success.

John Notman, treasurer of the Jubilee Committee, reported that the contributions toward the jubilee fund were highly satisfactory, and that those to whom circulars had been sent had responded both with money and with expressions of their appreciation of the privileges of showing in this way their affection for Dr. Storrs. The arrangements for the celebration are undetermined or are secret, so that the details may be a surprise to Dr. Storrs.

The jubilee fund will be devoted principally to renovating the interior of the church, putting in new carpets and pew furnishings, to paying off a small debt, and possibly to putting electric lights in the church.

the Howery.

Captain O'Brien has a large number of clients to whom he serves "The Volunteer Gazette." He serves his customers on a wheel. He has a wire pocket or case, the size of "The Gazette." fastened to the handle-bar of his bicycle, and thus equipped he makes his rounds.

GATHERED ABOUT THE TOWN.

Postoffice Inspector Schopp and Assistant United States District-Attorney Roy yesterday opened the safe of Sigmund Morris, who was arrested charged with conducting a swindling business in the Arbuckle Building under the name Caswell & Co. No money was found in the safe. There were a large number of papers which showed that the "firm had extended his operations to Jersey City and

rested on Friday for attempting to pass a check for 160, alleged to be raised from 16, on Colonel William Tumbridge, proprietor of the Hotel St. George, was arraigned before Justice Walsh in the Adams Street Court yesterday morning. His hearing was set for Wednesday morning. Clapp told the Justice that he was a resident of Chicago and a graduate of Harvard College.

A new palace-car, named the Columbia, is at the shops of the Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company The new car is said to be more complete and elab orate than its predecessors, the Montauk and the Amphion. It was first used yesterday by President Rossiter and the members of his family, who rode in it to Coney Island. Ex-Governor Flower and a number of the directors of the Brooklyn Heights road went to Bergen Beach yesterday in th

The Rev. Edward W. McCarty, of St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, has contracted with th Tiffany Gass and Decorating Company for the transept windows soon to be placed in St. Augustine's Church, at Sixth-ave, and Sterling Place. The windows will consist of 600 square feet each, and will not be in place before November 15.

Old Subscriber: If you had read The Tribune's article carefully you would have seen that the fig-ures given for Congressmen's salaries were for each Congress, including both sessions. Both The Tribune Almanac and The Tribune itself are good authorities on most subjects, and they are correct in this case, as usual.

Union Council, No. 11, Catholic Benevolent Legion, will celebrate the fourteenth anniversary of its in-stitution on Thursday evening, May 21, in Arcanum Hall, No. 407 Bridge-st. The council extends a cordial invitation to their friends to be with them on that occasion. The last regular meeting for the season of the

Manufacturers' Association of Kings and Queens countles will be held at the association rooms to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock sharp. At the



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To Americans going abroad, we cordially extend the freedom of the sumptuously appointed Reading and Writing Rooms in our Paris Office, 28 Avenue de l'Opera.

Hosiery Sensation! The closing out to us of a large importer's entire line of sam-

ples of Women's, Men's and Children's Hosiery, all new and seasonable goods, is the why and wherefore of these unapproachable values. The lot comprises about 200 kinds and only a dozen of each kind. The following prices but suggest the saving this sale means to hosiery wanters.

Women's Stockings.

Women's very fine quality of fast black, tans and some fancy stripes, worth from 25c, to 35c,

Children's Stockings.

Children's fast black ribbed Cotton Stockings, double knees, heels and toes, worth from 25c. pair,

Men's Socks.

Men's Fast Black and Tan, some plain, some embroidered and some striped, worth from 25c. to

Wraps, Skirts and Suits, the Chance of the Season.

A big manufacturer of Women's Outer Garments has sold us at a prodigious discount all of his stock of Cloaks, Suits and Skirts. To-morrow we offer them to you at much less than the maker's wholesale prices. The materials, the workmanship and the styles are of a high order, the prices the lowest known. Some of the uncommon values are:

Cheviots, Serges, Brilliantines & Mo-7.95, 9.85, 10.45, 12.45

> Trimmed Hats. 50% Off.



at 50 per cent less than marked prices.

Mezzanine floor

Tan & Black Jackets—reefer and fly fronts. 3.75
Tan Covert Jackets half lined—and strictly this year's make. 6.75
Tan—Black Broadcloth Capes—all slik lined, also Black Slik Capes, handsomely trimmed. 84.98, 5.95, 6.75, 7.45
31 Imported & Domestic Capes, trimmed with jet lace & chiffon—former price 75 to 125.00, now. 24.75
Splendid Suits—made of a variety of materials—such as Cheviots, Serges, Brilliantines & Moscond floor.

Muslin Underwear.

The Underwear we sell is the best that can be made. Our vast business of last week shows that women appreciate our efforts to give them only thoroughly reliable goods. Buy the cheapest or the highest priced garment we have and you'll get in either case good materials and good workmanship wrought into the style that has fashlon's approval for this season's wear.

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Walking Skirts, with umbrella ruffles, very full.

Cambric Skirts, with umbrella ruffles, trimmed with handsome lace.

1.48

Drawers, cambric and muslin, with pretty embroideries

With umbrella ruffles.

72c, 97c

Muslin Gown, tucked yoke, embroidery on neck & sleeves.

58c

Cool Corsets.

100 doz. Sonnette Summer Corsets, well boned, A large assortment of Imported Summer Cor-sets, including P. D., Z. Z. & C. P. makes,

onclusion of the regular order of business there will e a debate, in which all the members can take part. Subject: "The Monetary System of Our Country; Its Advantages and Defects." Refreshments will be served as usual after the debate is over.

DRINKING FOUNTAINS REPLACED.

CONVENIENCES FOR THE THIRSTY AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE PARK-PRO-VIDING FOR WHEELMEN.

All visitors to Prospect Park who approach it by the main entrance, on Flatbush-ave., and especially the large number of wheelmen who go into the Park at this point, will be glad to know that the drinking fountains on each side of the entrance have been replaced and that a decided improvement has been made on the old fountains. Those were of the pattern that allowed one small stream of water to flow constantly, and they were each provided with two tin cups that rapidly degenerated inder the influence of rust and hard usage.

The new fountains are of a different style. Each of them has four stationary cups, from which the water bubbles up in a constant flow, the arrangement being the same as in three or four individual drinking places in various parts of the Park, one near the Coney Island entrance being specially popular with the large number of wheelmen who congregate there for rest and the exchange of ideas. Besides these, there is in the centre of each fountain a standard, with faucets on two sides, from which water may be drawn in heavy galvanized cups, that are proof against rust and can stand any amount of banging at the hands of small boys.

The new fountains are further from the entrance than the old ones, but are within easy reach of all who wish to use them. At each one six persons may drink simultaneously, whereas with the old ones only two could be accommodated. It was the expectation of the Park officials to put the old ones back again, but one of them was found to be broken, and so it was decided to buy new fountains of an improved variety. This is the reason why there has been some delay in getting them in place. The pipes were laid and the connections made some time ago, but the fountains could not be procured promptly when it was decided to purchase them.

Another improvement in the immediate vicinity of the main entrance that will be appreciated by wheelmen who make use of the broad path on the Flatbush-ave, side of the Park is the laying of an asphalt track for bleycles across Flatbush-ave, on the south side of the fence recently constructed to where they interfered seriously with pedestrians and persons leaving or taking the trolley-cars. From near this fence the path, or track, runs diagonally across the avenue to connect with a path crossing the corner of the small triangular park area on the east side of the avenue, thus making a short cut to the Eastern Boulevard. Three curbstones have been cut away so as to permit bicycles to cross here easily, and it is the hope of Park Commissioner Woodruff that many of them will do so, and leave the Plaza and the main entrance carriage road for the free use of those who drive.

The asphalt track across the avenue was nearly completed yesterday, and will probably be ready for use to-day or to-morrow.

The route around the outside of the Park, on Flatoush, Ocean and Fort Haralton (or Franklin) aves, is the shortest and easiest way from the Eastern Parkway and the plaza to the cycle path, and will be more popular than ever now that the necessity of dismounting at any point on it has been done away with. prevent wheelmen from riding right to the Plaza,

COURT CALENDARS.

SMOKY FIREPLACES